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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY RECEIVES THE ANTITRUST DIVISION'S FIRST ANNUAL NEIL ROBERTS AWARD

Presented For Excellence In Antitrust Enforcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Justice Department attorney Don Russell received the Antitrust Division's first annual Neil Roberts Award today for Excellence in Antitrust Enforcement.

Russell received the award for the outstanding service he has provided to the Antitrust Division. He is currently the chief of the Division's Telecommunication's Task Force, a position he has held since 1994. The task force is responsible for antitrust enforcement in the rapidly changing telecommunications industry.

The award is named after Neil E. Roberts, who retired in February 1995 after 20 years as chief of the Antitrust Division's Legal Policy Section. The award will be given annually to an Antitrust Division employee for excellence, leadership and dedication in the enforcement of the antitrust laws.

"This award was created to recognize an individual who, not only performs outstanding legal work and provides sound advice, but commands a great deal of respect and affection," said Anne K. Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division. "I salute the great leadership Don has provided and contributions he has made to the overall mission of enforcing our nation's antitrust laws."

After graduating with distinction from the University of Nebraska in 1974 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1977, Russell immediately began his career in public service, working as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division. In 1983 he served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, returning to the Antitrust Division later that

same year to work as a trial attorney in the Energy Section and in the Professions and Intellectual Property Section.

In 1986, Russell was named Assistant Chief of the Communications & Finance Section in the Antitrust Division, where he supervised criminal and civil antitrust investigations and litigation in the financial and communications industries. It was here that he developed his expertise in telecommunications.

In 1991, Russell began a nine-month fellowship with the Institute for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University, where he studied the economic policy implications of government regulation.

Returning to the Department of Justice in 1992, Russell resumed his work in the Communications and Finance Section of the Antitrust Division. As the lead attorney in the Department's high-profile case against Microsoft Corp., Russell played a major role in settlement negotiations with the defendant and argued the merits of the proposed settlement in U.S. District Court.

The Neil Roberts award for Excellence in Antitrust Enforcement was created this year to honor a man who served the public with distinction for 29 years. Roberts was known within the Antitrust Division for his unmatched legal and economic expertise, performing high caliber work throughout his entire career. In his position as chief of the Legal Policy Section, Roberts was involved in all areas of the Antitrust Division's work including, legislation, litigation, regulation, and competition advocacy.

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